

1 ask you to refrain just a moment or so more.

2 Mr. Melvin, you had a question a moment ago.

3 MR. MELVIN: I want to congratulate Dr. Loevy
4 first of all. I agree with everything he said, but I do
5 have this question. That is, as I read this alternative
6 provision, if adopted, it would in effect reverse our
7 position as to mandatory home rule because of the fact
8 that the express powers would apply only to those counties
9 who adopt a charter.

10 I am wondering why we have to limit it to that,
11 following along Dr. Burdette's feeling or at least what
12 I think his feeling is. That is, that regardless of what
13 structure they have, we want them to have these powers
14 and leave it up to the counties to determine what par-
15 ticular structure they have for exercising these powers.

16 It would seem to me that perhaps this thing
17 could read that the State Legislature shall provide by
18 public general law a grant of express powers for the
19 counties of Maryland. Then down at the bottom, that from
20 and after the adoption of the constitution, no public local
21 law shall be enacted and so on.